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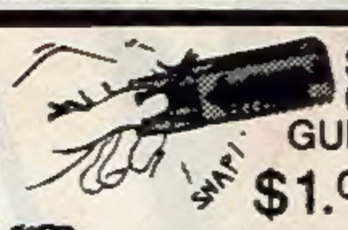

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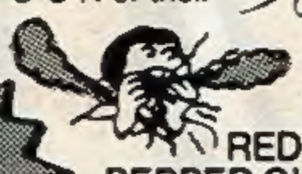

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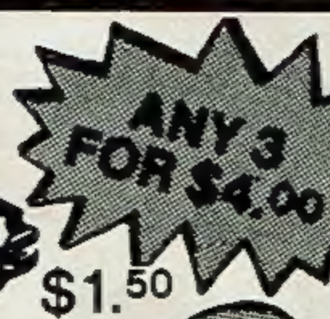

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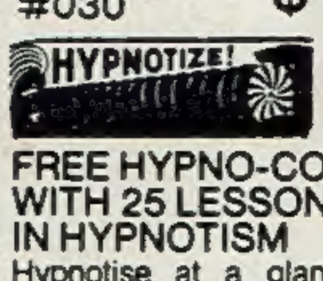

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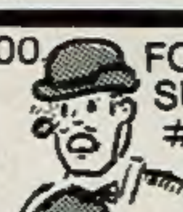

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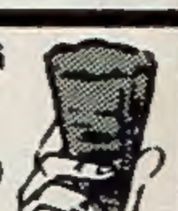

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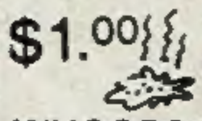

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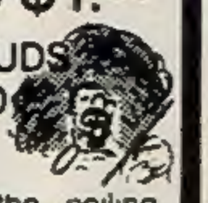

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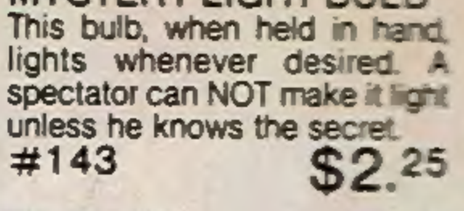

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I'M THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF WAR, GENERAL--AND I DEMAND TO KNOW WHY HAZARD HAS YET TO RESCUE MAJOR BIRCH!

Where is GRAVEDIGGER?

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THOUGH IT SEEMS A LIFETIME, IT WAS ONLY HOURS BEFORE THAT GRAVEDIGGER WAS ABOARD THIS TRAIN...

THIS IS REAL COZY, BUT WE'RE CRAZY TO KEEP RIDIN' THIS HUNK O' IRON...!

YOU ARE WORRIED, KAPITAN? IS THIS NOT THE TRAIN THAT CARRIED US FROM THE CONCENTRATION CAMP...?

YEAH, MARIE... AND THAT'S JUST THE PROBLEM!

HOW LONG YOU FIGGER THE NAZIS WILL LET THIS TRAIN KEEP ROLLIN' WHEN THEY GET WORD O' WHAT WE --

UH-OH!

TIME'S UP--

KA-WAAAAAM!!!

HIT THE DECK!

KEEP LOW, KIDS... DON'T MAKE A SOUND OR A MOVE!

BERLIN 5-KILOMETERS

GREAT FIX YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO, HAZARD! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN BERLIN RESCUING YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER, MAJOR BIRCH... AND YOU'RE SO FAR FROM...

EH...?

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW!?

ALL CLEAR... THE TANK EITHER WENT CHASIN' OFF AFTER SOMEONE OR JUST WANTED TO STOP THE TRAIN... AND NOTHIN' ELSE...

THEN WE MUST TAKE THIS TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE...

GOOD-BYE...?

YES, KAPITAN... THOUGH WE ARE GERMAN, WE ARE ALSO JEWS AND WE MUST KEEP MOVING IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE...

...AND YOU HAVE YOUR... MISSION...

YOU MUST DO WHAT YOU MUST! BUT BE CAREFUL! YOU ARE FAR MORE CONSPICUOUS THAN A JEW...

YEAH, KID, I STICK OUT LIKE A SORE BLACK THUMB!

BUT AT LEAST I AIN'T GOT FAR TO GO...

BERLIN

MEANWHILE...

I WISH TO WELCOME YOU TO BERLIN, MAJOR BIRCH...

YOUR EFFORTS AGAINST THE REICH HAVE ALREADY COST YOU THE USE OF YOUR LEGS...

AND YET, WE HAVE INDICATIONS YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE WAR AGAINST US...

YOU BLOODY SWINE...

NO CURSES, MAJOR BIRCH -- ALL I WISH FROM YOU IS INFORMATION!

AND I WILL HAVE IT, AS SURE AS MY NAME IS MAJOR PETER HERMANN!

YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HERE, MY DEAR MAJOR, TO TELL US ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT A SECRET PROJECT-- AN OPERATION WE HAVE LEARNED IS REFERRED TO AS...

...GRAVEDIGGER!

LORD, I'D HATE TO BE IN THOSE KIDS' SHOES--AIN'T *NOWHERE* THEY CAN GO WHERE THEY DON'T HAFTA BE RUNNIN' AND HIDIN'!

WHAT AM I *THINKING* ABOUT--!?

--HOW IN HELL AM *I* SUPPOSED TO GO PRANCIN' INTO DOWNTOWN BERLIN TO RESCUE THIS *MAJOR BIRCH?*

BUT *FIRST*, HOW AM I GONNA GET ACROSS THAT *BRIDGE?*

BEIN' A HOTSHOT COMMANDO MEANS I GOTTA COME UP WITH MY *OWN* PLAN O' ACTION...

I'D BE PRESSIN' MY *LUCK* TRYIN' TO BLOW *ALL* THEM GERMANS AWAY WITH ONE O' THESE BABIES...

SO...

...I'LL CREATE ME A *DIVERSION!*

KA-BOOM

ACH! HANS! TAKE YOUR SQUAD AND SEE WHAT *CAUSED* THAT!

JA!

THAT'S GOT 'EM GOIN'!

THAT'S BETTER! THE ODDS ARE ONLY *THREE-TO-ONE* NOW...

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KEYS ARE HERE, BUT THAT AIN'T GONNA DO ME ONE *LICK* O' GOOD UNLESS I FIGGER OUT HOW TO *START* THIS CONTRAPTION...

THIS LOOKS LIKE THE *STARTER*...

GPF 15

HERE WE GO!

CLEAR THE ROAD! GRAVEDIGGER'S COMIN' THROUGH!

RRROOOMM!!!

BRATATATATATAT

ARRAGGHH!

GPF 15

HALFWAY ACROSS...GOTTA STOP 'EM FROM *FOLLOWIN'* ME...!

FIGGER THE GAS TANK'LL BE ABOUT -- *THERE!*

15

KA-POW!

KA-POW!

BARRROOOM

IT'LL BE SOME *TIME* BEFORE THEY CROSS THAT RIVER AGAIN...

TIME TO GIVE THESE WEARY BONES A *REST!*

ONLY A *MILE* OR SO TO BERLIN... I HOPE *MAJOR BIRCH* CAN HOLD--!

MOVE, BLOKE--AND YOU'RE *DEAD!*

WHILE IN BERLIN'S GESTAPO HEADQUARTERS...

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THIS "*PROJECT GRAVEDIGGER*" IS THE TRAINING AND ASSIGNMENT OF A *SINGLE* COMMANDO RAIDER...

TRUE?

YOU CAN GO TO *HELL--!*

AHHH, PERHAPS I *SHALL,* HERR *MAJOR* BIRCH! BUT *BEFORE* I GO I WILL KNOW THESE THINGS... WE HAVE WAYS TO LEARN...

SHULTZ-- SEND FOR THE *EQUIP-MENT!*

JA, HERR *MAJOR!*

HEIL HITLER!

HERR *MAJOR!*

HERR *GOEBBELS!* *HEIL HITLER!*

JOSEPH GOEBBELS..THE DEMENTED RIGHT-HAND MAN OF THE FUHRER!

OF ALL NAZI LEADERS, HE IS FEARED THE MOST--MORE THAN EVEN ADOLF HITLER HIMSELF!

SO...THIS IS THE BRITISH MAJOR WE ARE SO HONORED TO HAVE AS OUR GUEST... THE ONE WHO KNOWS OF "PROJECT GRAVEDIGGER"?

JA, HERR GOEBBELS!

I HAVE INFORMATION FROM MANY SOURCES, HERR MAJOR.

FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE LEARNED THAT AN AMERICAN--A NEGRO--HAS PASSED A PATROL JUST OUTSIDE OUR CITY!.

TELL ME, MAJOR--IS THIS... THIS INFERIOR SAVAGE YOUR "GRAVEDIGGER"?

DO YOU KNOW HIS PLANS? WHERE IS GRAVEDIGGER?

WHERE INDEED... BUT WHERE WE LEFT HIM...

I'M READY... YA CAUGHT ME -- SO LET'S FINISH IT OFF NOW 'CAUSE I AIN'T ABOUT TO DO ANY TALKIN'!

COR, SMITH... 'E'S A DARKIE!

"DARKIE"? YOU DON'T TALK GERMAN LIKE ANY NAZI I EVER HEARD!

KEATS IS NOT GERMAN OR A NAZI, FRIEND-- HE'S BRITISH-- JUST LIKE DARNEL AND I!

BRITISH?

'AT'S RIGHT, FRIEND... AND JUDGIN' BY THE LOOKS O' YOU, YOU HAVE TO BE ULYSSES HAZARD-- THE GRAVEDIGGER!

YOU KNOW ME-- AND MY CODE NAME?

DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED, CAPTAIN! "PROJECT GRAVEDIGGER" IS QUITE A BIT BIGGER THAN YOU THINK!

WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD--KILLED ON YOUR WAY TO RESCUE MAJOR BIRCH... SO WE HAD THE ALTERNATE MISSION OF DESTROYING THAT BRIDGE...

ARRAGGH!

UNNFF!

BUT I DID THAT JOB FOR YOU!

THAT'S CORRECT- SO NOW WE RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL RESCUE OF BIRCH!

WAIT! WHAT'S GOING ON?

SHHH! WE'VE BEEN PLANNING BIRCH'S ESCAPE SINCE WE LEARNED WHERE HE WAS BEING HELD!

GESTAPO

WE WERE DROPPED BEHIND THE LINES MONTHS AGO AND HAVE BEEN HANDLING COMMANDO RAIDS FOR ALL THAT TIME...

WE NEED TO SNEAK ONE MAN INSIDE SO WE CAN FREE BIRCH--BUT WE CAN'T SPARE ANYONE--WE'RE NEEDED FOR A BIGGER OPERATION COMING UP!

SO YOU'RE ELECTED, MY FRIEND... TO SNEAK INTO GESTAPO H.Q. IN THIS--

AND SO...

YOU HEARD HERR GOEBBELS, MAJOR! TELL ME WHERE GRAVEDIGGER IS!

ARARRRGGH!

COR!

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I AM A COLLECTOR OF DEVICES OF... *PERSUASION*...

YOU MEN CAN LEAVE NOW... AND THANK YOU.

MY RACK... DISCOVERED IN AN ANCIENT CASTLE IN YOUR *OWN* COUNTRY...

AND THEN THERE IS *THIS* LOVELY FRAULEIN ... *ALSO* FROM YOUR NATIVE LAND-- SHE HAS A VERY *PIERCING PERSONALITY*... *SPIKES* THAT EMBRACE ALL WHO ARE CLOSED *WITHIN* HER...

SO! DO I SLAM YOU *WITHIN* THE IRON MAIDEN--OR DO YOU *TALK*!?

WHO IS GRAVEDIGGER? WHAT ARE HIS PLANS? WHERE IS GRAVEDIGGER!!?

WHERE!?

WHERE!?

WHERE!?

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SUCKER!

BRATATATAT

ARRRGHHH!

IN THE NAME OF THE KING!

YOU...YOU'RE GRAVEDIGGER?

BRATATAT

YOU NEED TO ASK AFTER THAT ENTRANCE?

I AM! WHERE ARE YOU--

AND I SURE HOPE TO GOD YOU'RE THE REAL MAJOR BIRCH-- NOT ANOTHER NAZI IMPOSTOR!

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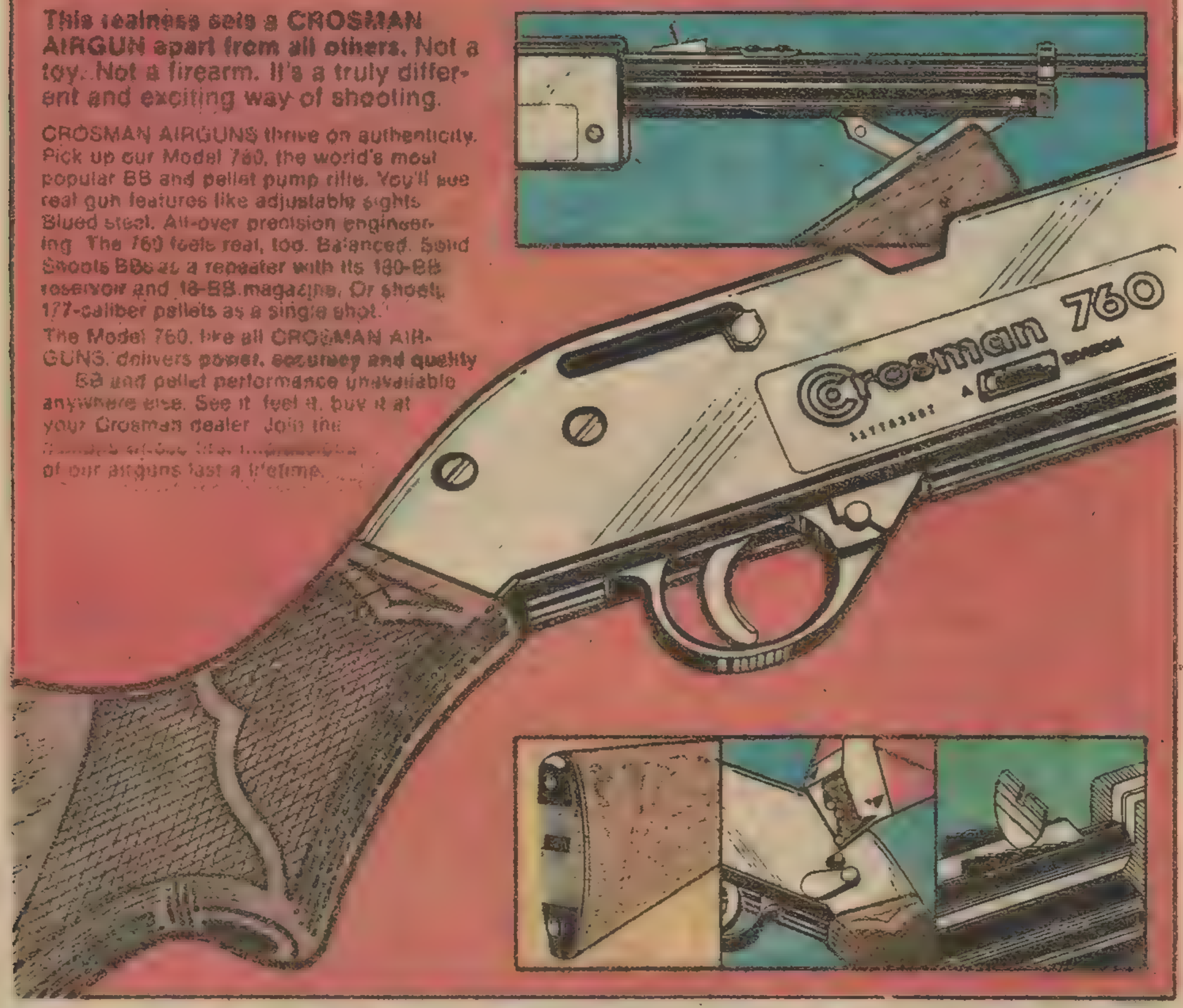

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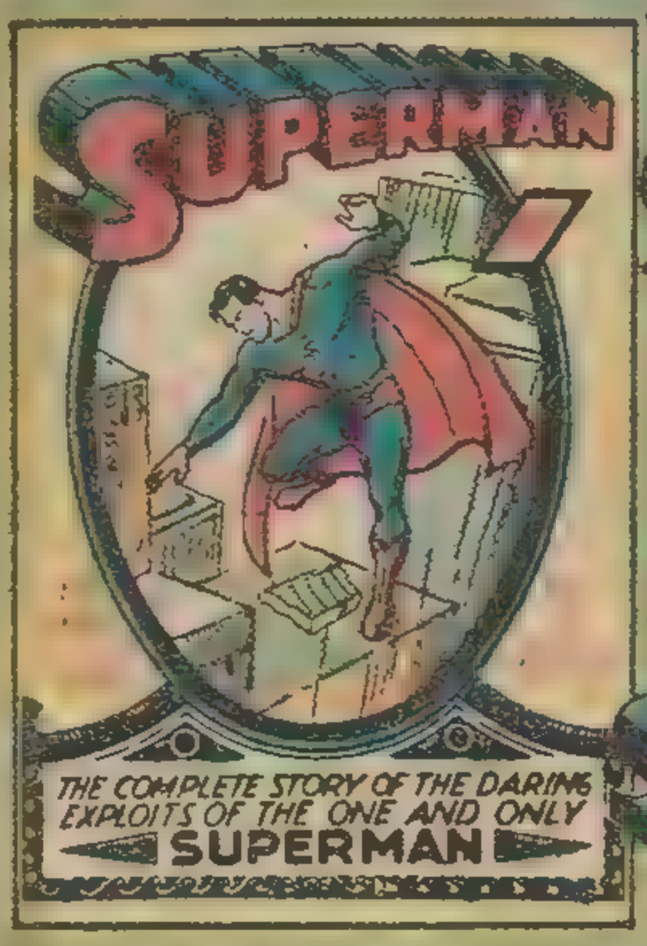

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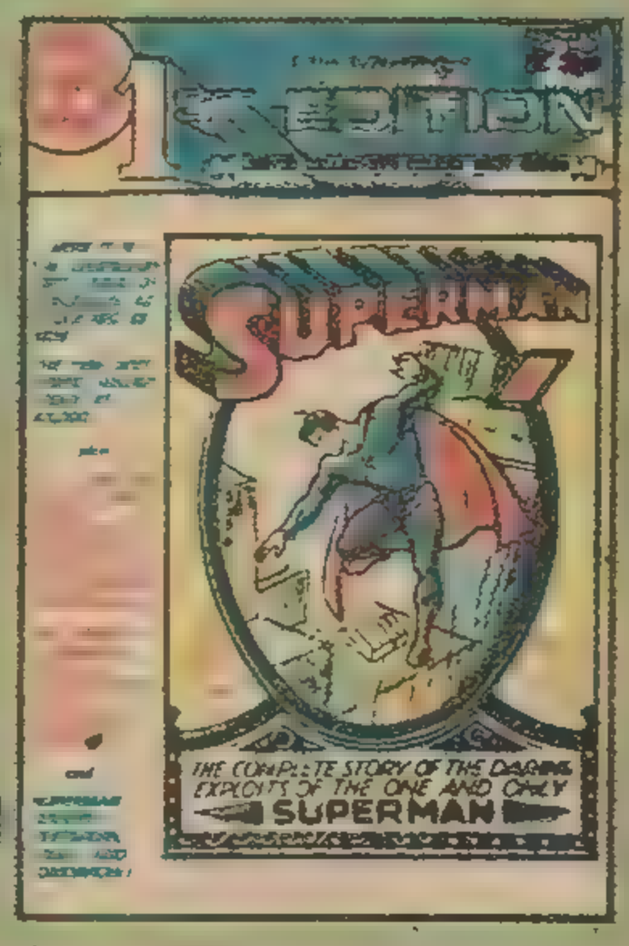

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Dear Paul,

I was having a devil of a time figuring out which I liked better, *Enemy Ace* or *Dateline:Frontline*. Next issue it seems I'll have the best of both. Not only did I thoroughly enjoy the *Dateline* series, probably my favorite Grandenetti of all time, but this issue I was treated to the best non-Kubert *Enemy Ace* story it's ever been my pleasure to read.

Actually, I thought the series had pretty much run its course. There's only a limited number of things you can do with air combat, and they all begin to look alike after a while. But the fascinating thing about this story was the look into Von Hammer's personal life: his respect and love for his father, his familial heritage, and the testing of his love of honor which has us all wondering if he will really shoot down one of his countrymen.

The art was, of course, not Kubert. But the team of Hama and Smith captured some of Joe's character in the faces, and the mood in the letter superimposed on the clouds. Smith's loose brushwork especially resembles Kubert in places, but in this series it will be the script and not the art which will carry the strip.

The *Gravedigger* story was considerably less satisfying in the story department. I suppose McKenzie was experimenting with a type of storytelling which was very cinematic but did almost nothing to advance the plot or give any depth to the characters involved. Even Ayers' usually solid narration was fairly unclear, probably because of the weird format. The coloring was interesting, especially on the flashbacks, but it couldn't carry the story by itself.

Beppe Sabatini
515 Division Street
East Lansing, MI 48823

Curiously enough, Beppe, of all your compliments, it's the praise of MOW #8's coloring that touches us most. We unabashedly admit to putting Jerry Serpe through a couple of drafts of the flashbacks and are glad to see that someone noticed the time and trouble he took. As for Roger's experiments, the general reaction to them was fairly negative, so as you can see, he's moving back towards more traditional approaches. Still, nothing ventured, nothing gained.—PL.

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Dear Paul,

I was going through my collection of war comics and came across a 1957 issue of *ALL AMERICAN MEN OF WAR*. I was wondering, did this mag die out and you revive it as *MEN OF WAR*?

Tom McLaughlin
8 Holbrooke Road
White Plains, NY 10605

Not quite, Tom ... at least not the way we consciously revived the ARMY AT WAR title recently. But it certainly is true that the modern MOW owes a titular debt to AAMOW, which ran from the early fifties to the middle of the sixties.—PL.

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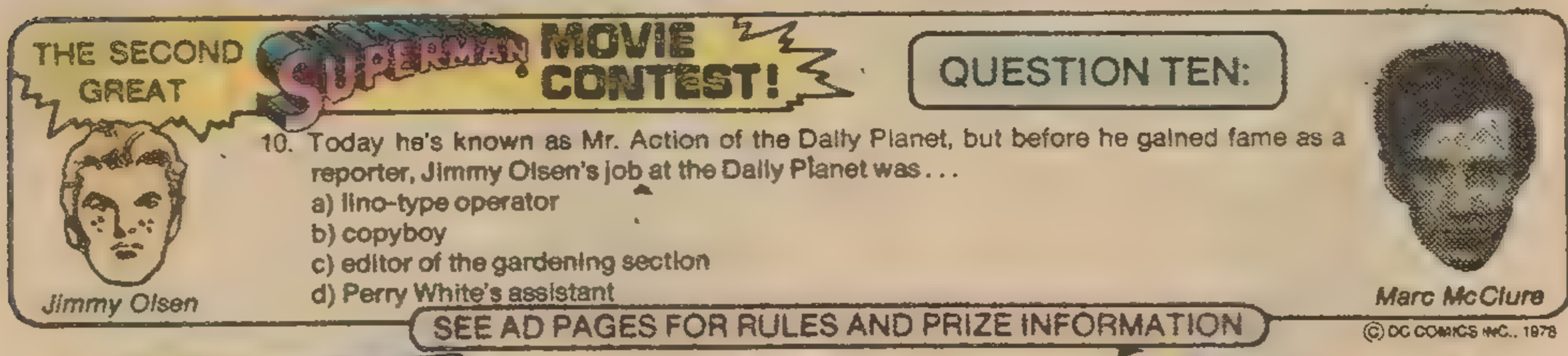
We have a short column this issue to allow for the contest details, friends, so let us just sneak in a quick question for you. When the opportunity arises, would you like to see Enemy Ace or Dateline:Frontline furloughed for a few issues to permit the introduction of a new series for the back of MEN OF WAR? Or is the present line-up perfect in your book? Let us know—Paul Levitz, Editor.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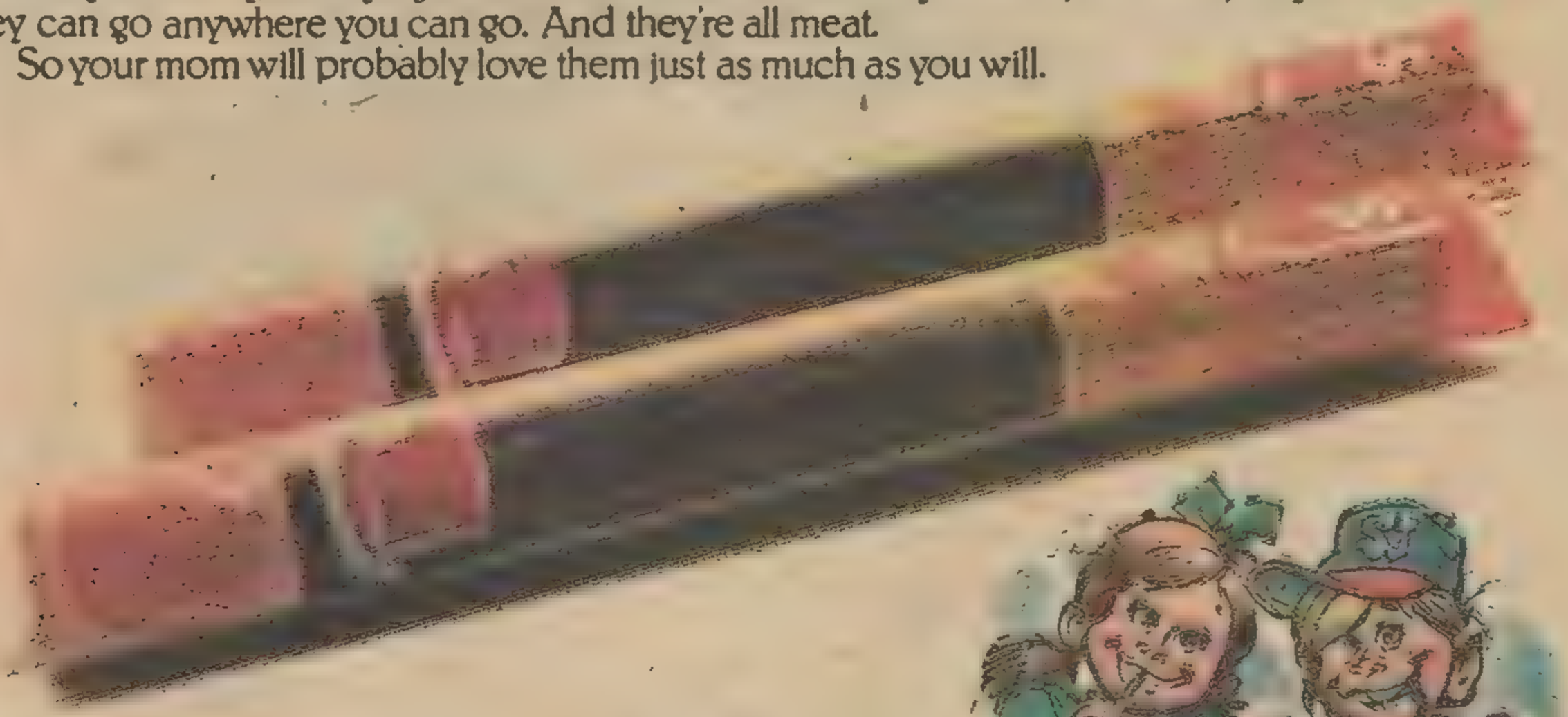

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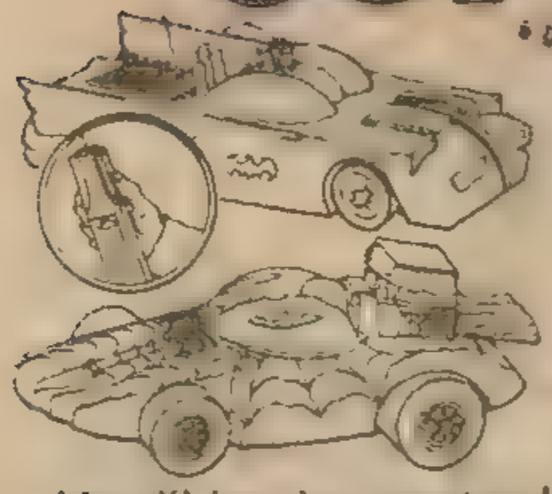

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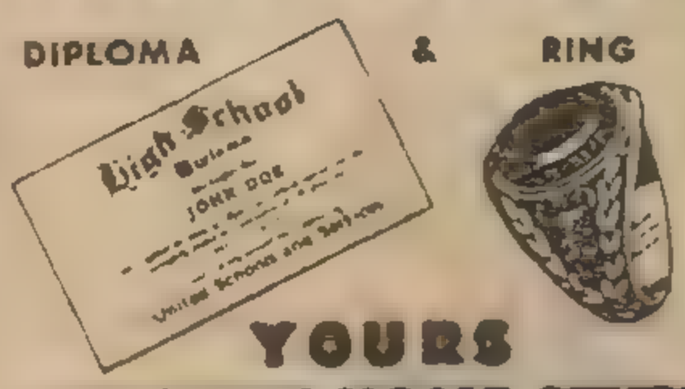

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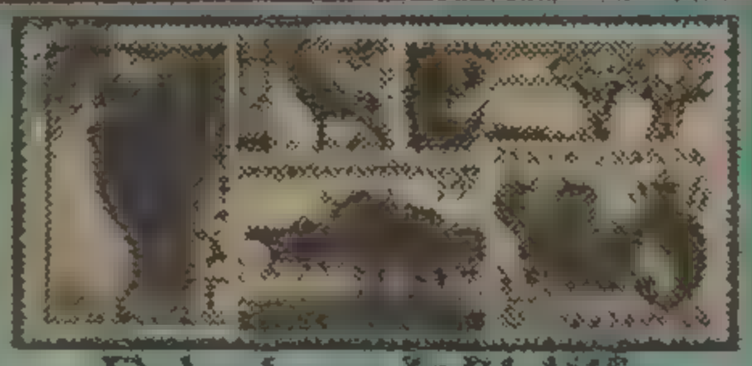

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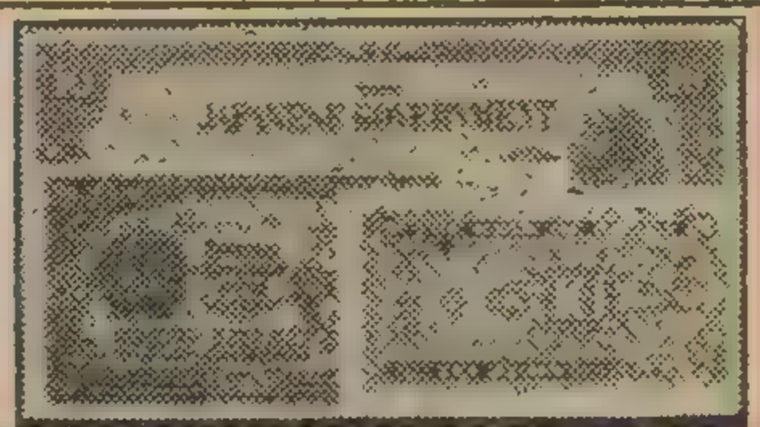

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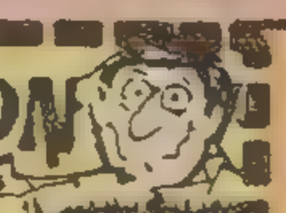

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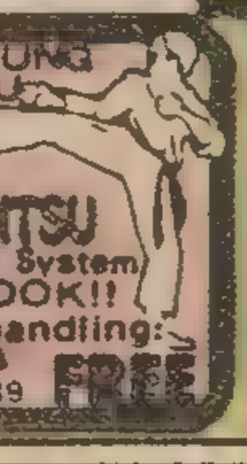

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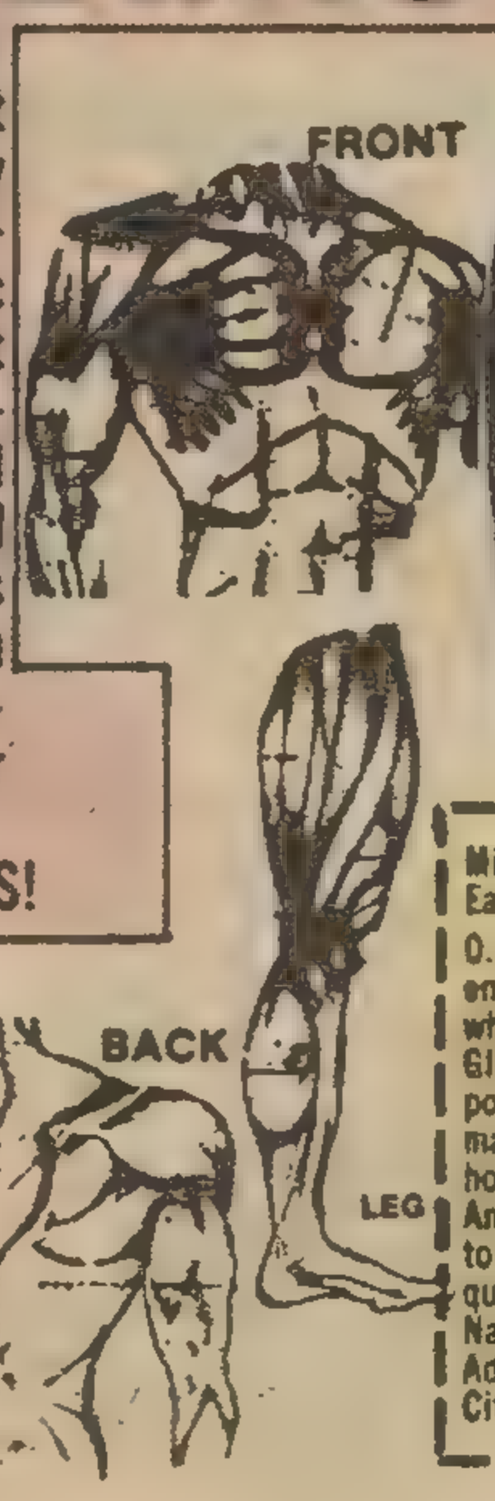

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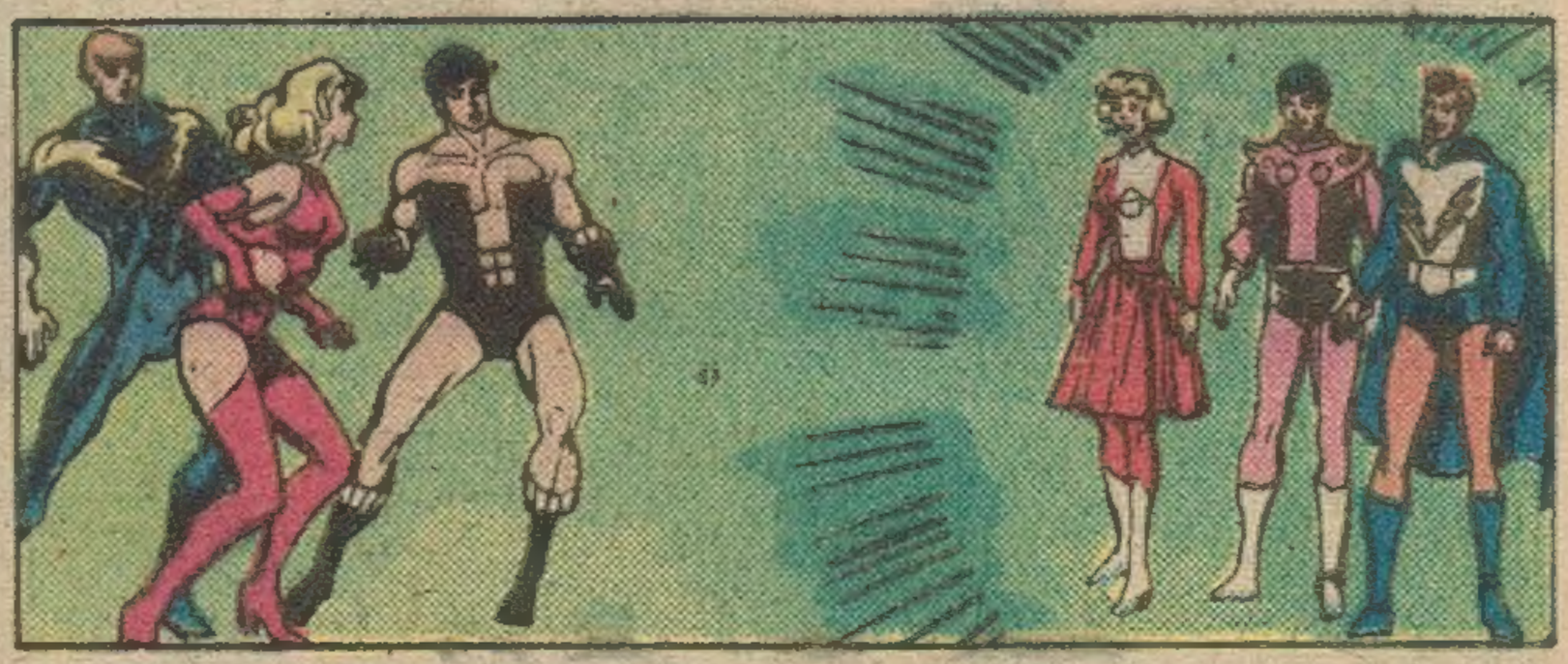

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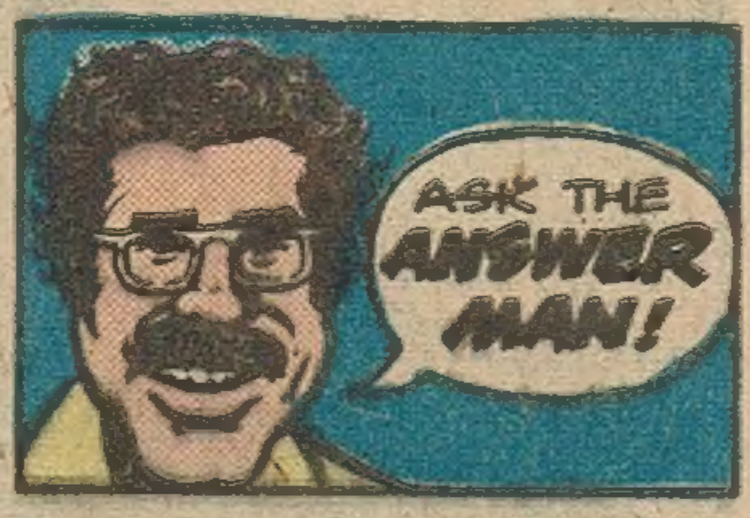

Q: Will you show *Superman*'s origin again?—Szelim Kong. *A*: It's recapped in our *FAMOUS FIRST EDITION* of *SUPERMAN #1* and will be shown in detail in the upcoming *Superman* movie!

Q: Will we be seeing *Batman* battling Ra's al Ghul and Talia again soon?—Unsigned. *A*: They appeared in the *BATMAN SPECTACULAR*.

Q: How many stretchable super-heroes are there?—Stanley Overly. *A*: Offhand, I can think of *Elongated Man, Plastic Man, Elastic Lad* and Marvel's *Mr. Fantastic*.

Q: How can *Superman* and *Batman* see their *Super-Sons* in *WORLD'S FINEST* if they're not married?—Timothy Robinson. *A*: By using a computer forecaster in *Superman*'s Fortress of Solitude.

Q: Can *The Flash* get tired?—Bobby Moore. *A*: Eventually.

Q: How much is *JLA* #45 worth?—Michel Gauthier. *A*: In good condition, about 60¢.

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Q: How long does it take from the time we send our questions till the time you answer them?—Judy Marco. *A*: Your letter is dated March 2nd. I'm writing this column on July 7th. What date are you reading this column?

Q: Where is Snapper Carr?—Ben Scibetta. *A*: Working in *SUPERMAN FAMILY*.

Q: What is the relationship between *Aquaman* and *Aquaiad*?—Jimmy E. Pendergrass. *A*: They are just friends, there is no blood relation.

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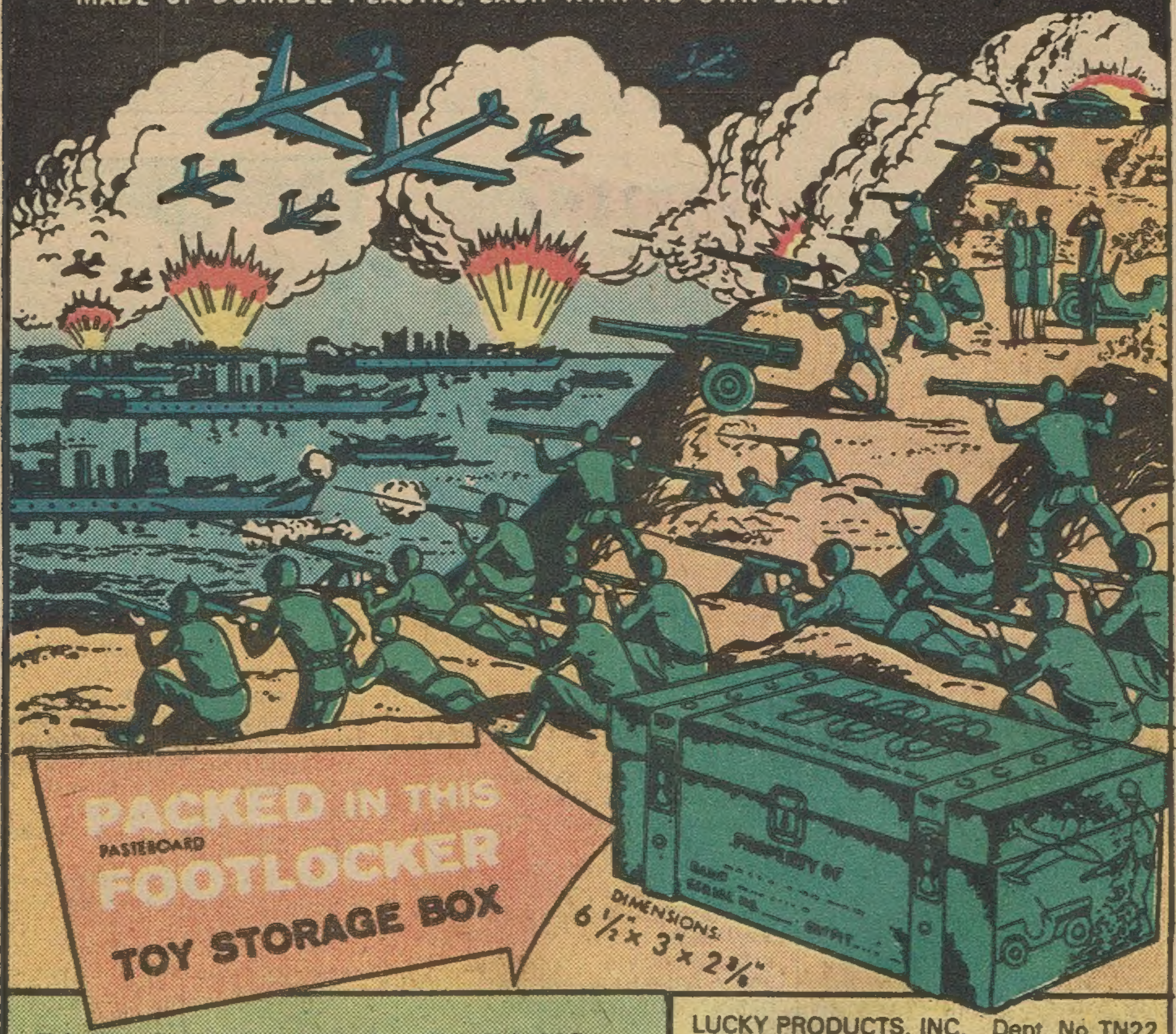

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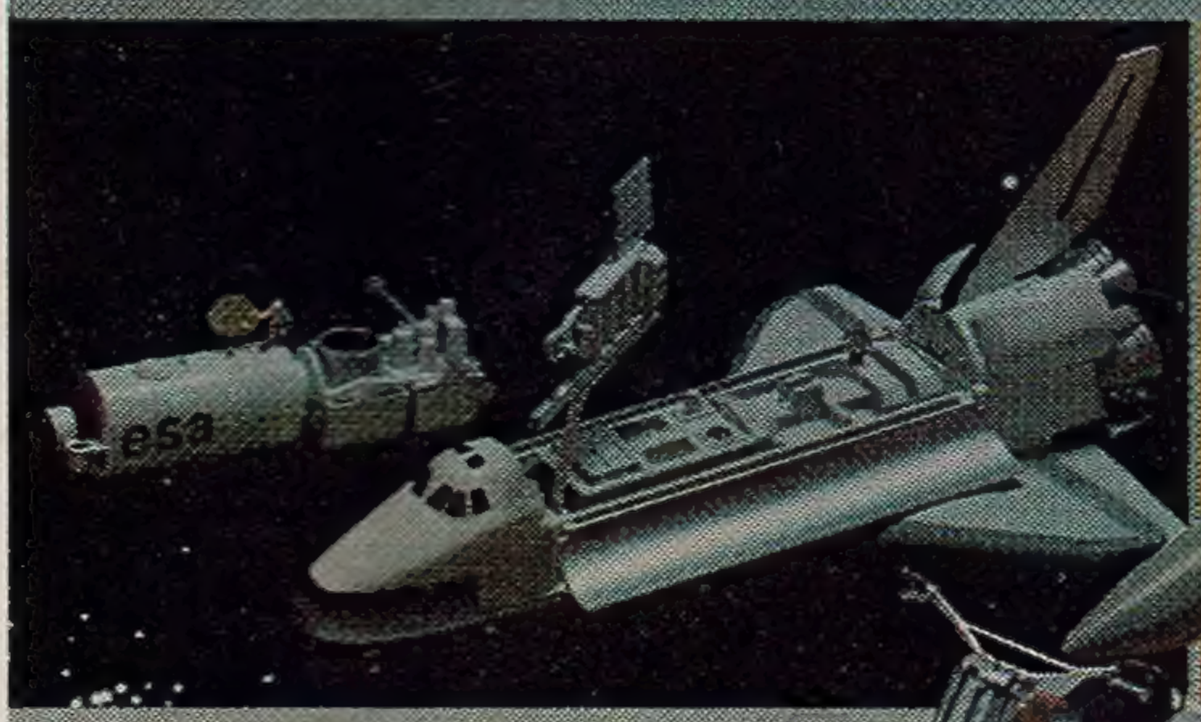

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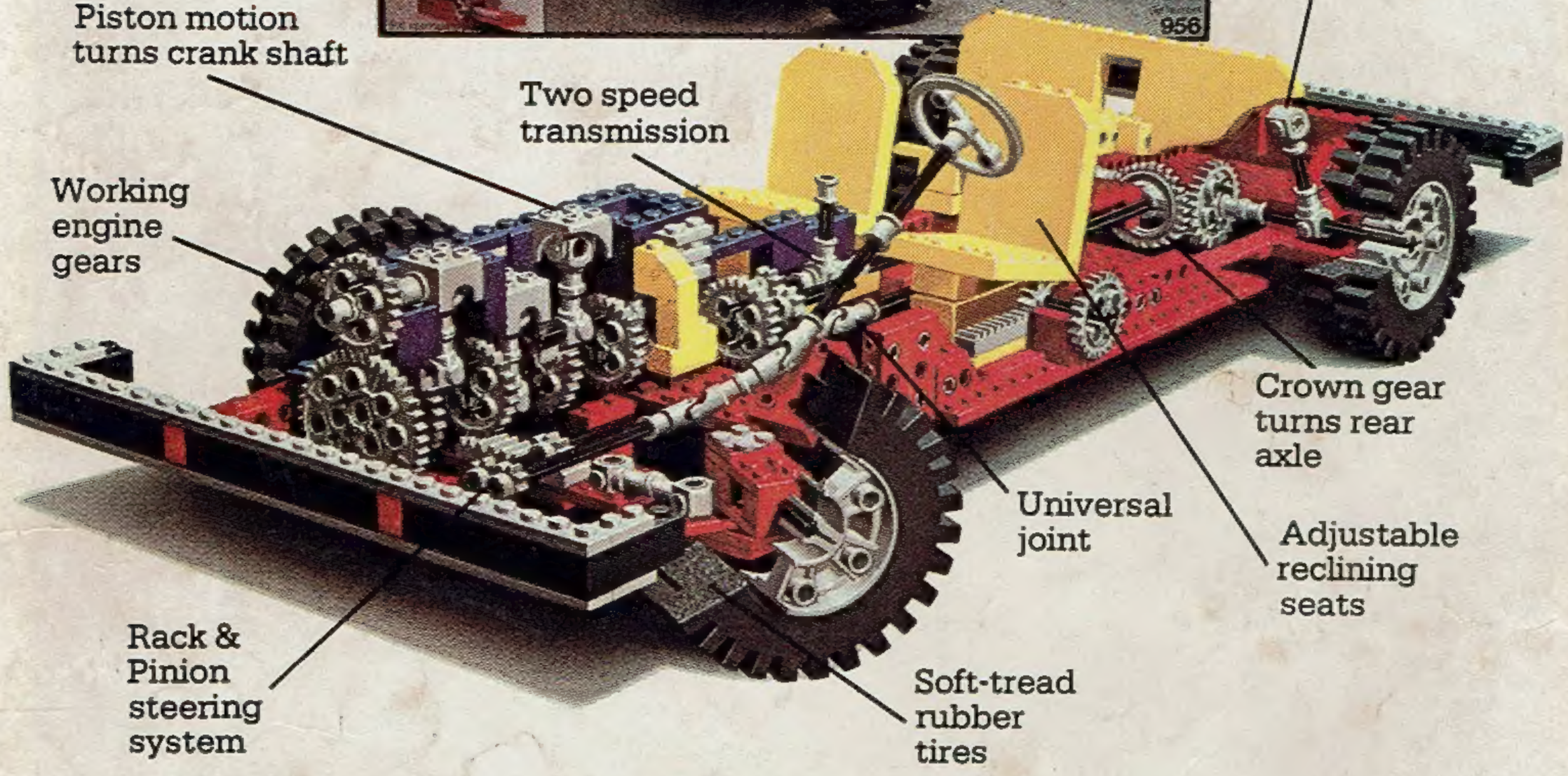

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